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MINUTES

BAPTIST CHURCH, PINE LEVEL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OCT. 11th, 1861.

In pursuance of appointment, the delegates from the churches constituting the Alabama Baptist Association, convened with the Baptist Church at the above named place and time.

Elder David Lee preached the introductory sermon, from Rev. 2: 10. After an hour's intermission, the delegates re-assembled in the meeting house and engaged in singing; prayer was then offered by Elder F. Calloway, after which the former Moderator called the body to order, preparatory to entering upon business.

Called for Letters from the several churches, which were read, and the names of the representatives enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

**Providence*—

Shiloh—‡L. Stone, ‡Wm. Johnson, C. H. Cleveland.

**Mount Lebanon*—Dallas County.

**Town Creek*—

†*Sister Springs*—‡Jared Carter, ‡Jere Johnson, ‡G. W. Young.

Bethany—‡Eld. P. H. Lundy, ‡Jno. R. Williams, H. W. Caffey.

Centre Ridge—D. R. Lide, S. W. Lide.

SECOND DISTRICT.

†*Benton*—‡Jno. C. Hill, ‡John Gresham

Mount Gilead—W. B. Haralson, Jno. A. Edwards, Thos. Barlow.

NOTE—Absentees marked thus ‡. Churches not represented, * Letters sent up from Churches, but not represented†

†*Ash Creek*—‡Eld. C. F. Sturgis, ‡David Gordon, Sr., ‡H. Orum

Hopewell—Eld. D. Lee, ‡Jno. G. Brown, ‡J. T. Jones.

**New Bethel*—

**Lowndesboro*—

**Hayneville*—

**Smyrna*—

Bethel—S. Jordan, J. E. Kolb, ‡Joseph Day, ‡Jno. Phillips, alternate.

Good Hope—John Peagler, ‡A. Peagler.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Unity—L. B. Tatum, B. F. Smith, ‡N. M. Morris.

First Baptist, Montgomery—‡Eld. B. Manly, ‡Eld. Albert Williams, W. W. Waller—‡H. M. Caffey, alternate, ‡B. B. Davis, alternate.

**Rehobeth*—

Elim—Moses McLemore, ‡B. F. Caffey, ‡R. H. Molton.

Salem—Wm. Jones, ‡G. W. Brassel, A. J. Brassel.

Antioch—W. B. Ray, ‡R. S. Jones, J. H. Cogburn.

Ramer—Eld. G. G. McLenden, J. D. McLenden—A. Boyd, licentiate.

Pine Level—Eld. Thomas J. Miles, Shepherd Guice, H. W. Clark.

Bethesda—‡Eld. Jno. S. Holmes, W. B. Myrick, ‡E. S. Leonard.

Mount Lebanon, Montgomery County—Joshua Jones, ‡J. B. Cantey, ‡J. C. Walter—‡M. Wilson, alternate.

**Liberty*—

Midway—‡W. Parker, P. Stephens, ‡W. J. Barnett.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Greenville—Eld. Jno. E. Bell, J. G. Thames, Eld. S. A. Creath.

Sardis—P. H. Drake, J. Hickman, ‡W. H. Stanley, ‡W. Norsworthy, alternate.

**Mount Olive*—

Hickory Grove—‡Eld. John A. Fonville, John P. Cross, ‡James M. Armstrong.

**Philadelphia*—

**New Ebenezer*—

Damascus—Eld. J. J. Webb, J. L. Simpson, H. S. Staggers.

NEW CHURCHES ADMITTED.

Second Baptist, Montgomery—H. W. Watson, ‡A. Howard, T. F. Thomasson.

Macedonia—W. B. Price, F. L. Ellis.

Ephesus—E. Nix, ‡J. G. Cook.

Steep Creek—G. W. McQueen, R. B. Dickerson, ‡B. S. Meadows.

The Association then went into a choice of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the re-election of Eld. David Lee, Moderator; W. B. Haralson, Treasurer; and H. W. Caffey, Clerk.

An invitation was then extended by the Moderator to Ministers present, not members of the body, to seats with us, when Eld. J. D. Garrison came forward and was cordially welcomed.

An invitation was then offered to Churches desiring to unite with this Association, whereupon the delegates from the *Second Baptist Church, Montgomery, Macedonia, Steep Creek, and Ephesus* came forward, presented the Letters of their respective Churches, and were most affectionately received and welcomed.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—C. H. Cleveland, Thomas Barlow, J. G. Thames, and the Deacons of Pine Level Church.

On Missions, to report next Session—B. Manly, D. D., Eld. G. G. McLendon, J. Gamble, Eld. J. J. Webb, Eld. S. A. Creath.

On Sabbath Schools, to report next Session—W. W. Waller, M. McLemore, J. H. Cogburn, Eld. Jno. A. Fonville, Eld. P. H. Lundy.

On Documents—H. W. Watson, G. W. McQueen, S. W. Lide, Samuel Jordan, Jno. A. Edwards.

On the state of Religion in the Churches—Eld. Jno. E. Bell, J. P. Cross, H. S. Staggers, Eld. Thomas J. Miles, A. Boyd.

On Finance—D. R. Lide, T. F. Thomasson, Jno. Gamble.

Auditing Committee—S. W. Lide, W. B. Ray, B. F. Smith.

All the members of the Committees appointed last Session, on Sabbath Schools and Missions, being absent, on motion the Moderator was authorized to re-appoint committees, to report on the morrow, on those subjects. It was then

Resolved, That half an hour, each day, during the Session of this body, be set apart for special prayer, on behalf of our suffering country, and the cause of Missions; and that the business of the Association be suspended at 10 o'clock for that purpose.

On motion, it was

Resolved, In order to expedite the business, that a call for correspondence be now made from sister Associations.

Pine Barren—Letter and Minutes.

Unity—No reply.

Tuskegee—One delegate—H. Orum.

Bethlehem—No response.

Salem—Package of Minutes, and delegates, Elders J. T. S. Parks, W. T. Shanks, James P. Nall. Laymen, Eli Parks, F. E. Boykin, J. T. Jackson, J. R. Siler, G. M. Dews, J. M. Battle, Hails Talbot.

Central—Package of Minutes.

Zion—Elder J. C. R. Lockhart.

Cahaba—Elder T. S. Bailey.

Baptist State Convention—Not represented.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Cahaba—Meets with *Concord Church*, Perry County, Saturday, Oct. 19th—D. R. Lide, S. A. Creath.

Pine Barren—Meets second Saturday in September—Elder S. A. Creath, Eld. J. E. Bell, J. G. Thames, John Gamble, Jno. J. Webb, D. R. Lide, S. W. Lide, H. S. Staggers, Eld. D. Lee, H. W. Caffey, G. W. McQueen, Eld. S. A. Creath, D. R. Lide, Eld. P. H. Lundy, Thomas Barlow.

Tuskegee—Meets Friday before second Sabbath in September—W. W. Waller, H. W. Watson, J. H. Cogburn, D. R. Lide, T. F. Thomasson, Elds. B. Manly, D. Lee, S. A. Creath.

Bethlehem—Meets third Saturday in September—D. R. Lide, Elders C. F. Sturgis, J. E. Bell, S. A. Creath.

Salem—Meets 1st Saturday in October—J. L. Simpson, D. R. Lide, Elders G. G. McLendon, T. J. Miles, J. J. Webb.

Central—Meets first Saturday in October; W. W. Waller, H. W. Watson, J. H. Cogburn, Joseph M. Hickman, Eld. S. A. Creath, J. P. Cross, D. R. Lide.

Zion—Elder J. J. Webb, E. Nix, H. S. Staggers, J. L. Simpson, Eld. Matthew Bishop.

Bethel—Meets first Saturday in October—C. M. Cochran, William Cochran, Eld. D. M. Reeves.

Baptist State Convention—C. M. Cochran, W. W. Waller, W. B. Haralson, D. R. Lide, H W. Caffey, Elders C. F. Sturgis, B. Manly, T. J. Miles, P. H. Lurdy, S. A. Creath, D. M. Reeves.

The Committee on Religious Exercises, report, Elder F Calloway to preach to-night, at 7 o'clock, and Elder Jno. J. Webb to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Bro. Waller introduced the following:

Resolved, That the time of convening the Alabama Baptist Association be changed from Friday before the second Sunday in October, to Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, at 12 M. On motion the matter was laid on the table until called for.

In accordance with a previous resolution, the Moderator announced the following committees to report to-morrow:

On Missions—Elder S. A. Creath, D. R. Lide, H. W. Watson, Elders T. J. Miles, J. J. Webb.

On Sabbath Schools—W. W. Waller, M. McLemore, C. H. Cleveland, Thomas Barlow, J. D. McLendon.

The Association then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. T. F. Bailey.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The association met according to appointment, and opened with singing, after which prayer was offered by Eld. J. D. Garrison.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, corrected, and approved. The Rules of Decorum were then read by the Clerk, after which the roll of delegates was called, and absentees marked. The hour set apart by the resolution of yesterday having arrived, half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, on behalf of the cause of Missions and our Country.

Business resumed. The committee on Preaching report, Elder J. D. Garrison to preach this evening at 3 o'clock.—All the Ministers and their alternates appointed at the last Session of the Association, to preach a Missionary and Denominational sermon being absent, the committee on Religious Exercises ask instructions. They were accordingly authorized to appoint a Minister to preach on the subject of Missions, on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, and that the Denominational sermon be dispensed with.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report on Sunday Schools read, adopted and ordered printed with the Minutes. (Appendix A.)

Report on Missions read, amended and adopted. (Appendix B.) Adjourned one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met and resumed business. Report on Documents read, adopted and ordered appended to the Minutes. (Appendix C.)

Report of committee on State of Religion in the Churches, read and adopted. (Appendix D)

Report of Board of Missions of Alabama Baptist Association read and adopted. (Appendix E)

Committee on Religious Exercises report Elder J. C. R. Lockhart to preach to-night at 7 o'clock; Elder T. S. Bailey the Missionary sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and Elder J. T. S. Parks in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. On motion the Association suspended business ten minutes, to allow Bro. Creath to take up a collection for Foreign and Domestic Missions, which resulted in his obtaining, in pledges and money, $118 50 for the former, and $80 00 for the latter object.

On motion, the same Mission Board for the Association, was re-appointed, with the exception of substituting B. B. Rudulph for E. W. Hardy. General Corresponding Letter was read and adopted. (Appendix F)

The Associotion then suspended business ten minutes to allow Bro. H. W. Watson to make an appeal in behalf of the erection of a house of worship for the Second Baptist Church of Montgomery, which resulted in his obtaining subscriptions to the amount of $200 00.

The appropriate hour for the Bible Society, connected with this body, having arrived, that organization was convened.

Business resumed. Bro. Waller's resolution, regarding the change of time for meeting of this Association was taken from the table, and amended by referring the whole matter to the Churches, and requesting them to instruct their delegates in reference thereto, at our next Annual Session.

Financial report read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Resolved, That the amount sent up by the Churches, for colporterage among the soldiers, be placed in the hands of the Colporterage Committee of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, to be so appropriated.

Voted, That the Treasurer be allowed the privilege of making any disposition desired by him, of the $10 00 which he reported in excess from his last year's account.

On motion, the Committee on Preaching were instructed to nominate some brother to preach the Introductory ser-sermon, and another to preach the Missionary sermon, on Sabbath at our next annual meeting.

Auditing Committee reported finding the return of the Committee on Finance correct, and it was accordingly adopted.

Resolved, That the delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention be instructed to request that body to appoint a day of fasting and prayer, in reference to the state our country.

On motion,

Resolved, That the last week in July next be observed as a week of special effort, by our Ministry and lay members, in behalf of Missions, both domestic and foreign ; and that the Ministers within the bounds of this body arrange for the same.

On motion, it was *Voted*, That a night session be held, in order to conclude the business of the Association. Adjournment then took place. Prayer by Elder J. C. R. Lockhart.

NIGHT SESSION.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1861.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Voted, That a public collection be taken up on Sabbath after the Missionary sermon, and that the proceeds be equally divided between Indian and Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That the petition of *Ephesus Church* be referred to the Mission Board of the Association.

The Treasurer then read his report; which was referred to the Auditing Committee, and after being reported correct, was adopted. (Appendix G.)

The Committee on Religious Exercises report, Elder J. S. Holmes to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next annual meeting—Elder J. A. Fonville, alternate. Elder B.

Manly to preach the Missionary sermon, and Elder P. H. Lundy, alternate.

On motion, granted the Bible and Colporterage Society privilege to print their Minutes in connection with those of this Association.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Clerk be instructed to have as many copies of Minutes printed and distributed, as the money sent up for that purpose will pay for, after duducting $30 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the members of *Pine Level Church*, and the citizens in this vicinity, for the hospitalities bestowed on us during our stay with them.

The business of the Association having been harmoniously transacted, the body then adjourned, to meet with the *Greenville Baptist Church* on Friday before the second Lord's day, 1862.

The Moderator then made some feeling remarks, and offered prayer, after which a hymn was sung, and the delegates took an affectionate leave of each other.

D. LEE, *Moderator.*

H. W. Caffey, *Clerk.*

SABBATH.

In pursuance of the arrangement of the committee on Religious Exercises, Elder T. S. Bailey occupied the pulpit at 11 o'clock, and preached an interesting discourse on Missions, from Matthew 28 : 19, 20 ; at the conclusion of which a collection was taken, amounting to $18 40. In the afternoon the pulpit was filled by Eld. J. T. S. Parks.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Sunday Schools, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report: That the want of time and statistics seriously embarrass them in making such a report as they deem necessary, and such as the importance of the subject demands; therefore, they only embody in this report a few thoughts, which may make a favorable impression in favor of this greatest of all Missionary enterprises.

1. The grand object of Sabbath School instruction, is the salvation of the souls of the children, in accordance with the plan of salvation.

2. Every teacher has a virgin soil in which to sow the seed of life. The mind of the child offers no opposition to truth, believes all that it is taught, and where properly taught, is eager for instruction.

3. The most lasting impressions are made upon children; they grow up with a love for the truth, a love for the Bible, the Savior, the house of God, and the Sabbath. They are always approachable on the subject of salvation, and many of them are converted at an early period. In religious revivals the Sunday School scholars are the first converted; being familiar with the plan of salvation, they seem not to struggle with opposing influences, but yield readily to the influence of the Spirit. The well trained Sunday School scholar makes the most efficient church member, the most efficient Missionary, and the most efficient citizen. "Train up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Every Baptist church ought to have a well organized Sunday School; its members that cannot teach ought to be formed into Bible classes, and attend punctually. The Savior taught that we should search the Scriptures. It is much to be regretted that this glorious work has received so little attention from those

who profess to love and serve God. Sunday School Conventions or Associations, with a representation, have proved a favorable incentive to the interests of Sunday Schools.

The Committee recommend the passage of the resolutions attached to this report, and that every Pastor in the bounds of this Association, make a strenuous effort to organize a Sunday School in the church or churches under his charge, and that he preach one sermon to his church upon this subject, during the Associational year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. WALLER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That one day of each annual meeting of the Alabama Baptist Association, be appropriated to the subject of Sunday Schools.

Resolved, That all the Baptist Sunday Schools within the bounds of this Association, be requested to send one or more delegates to the next and all annual meetings of this body, with the full statistics of their school, and such other reports as they may think proper to make.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Owing to the shortness of the time allowed us to report on Missions, we cannot make such an one as we desire.

We believe every Christian should feel a deep and abiding interest in the cause of Missions, since the objects of which are the glory of God, and the redemption of our fallen and ruined world. The Church of Christ is the great agent which God has appointed for the spread of the Gospel and the salvation of men; it is the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

The field in which the Church is to labor is the world, the whole world; not only is the Gospel to be preached in the Southern Confederacy, but in China, and Africa, and every place where there are human beings, the Minister should be found to point them to the Cross. The express command of the Savior was, to go preach the Gospel to every creature, and as an inducement for us to do so, He has said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Much has been accomplished already in foreign lands, and more than we could have expected, considering the amount of money spent, and the number of Mis-

sionaries there. It requires time, and patience, and great labor to accomplish much in a heathen land. We have about seventy Missionaries and Teachers in foreign lands, and they have been faithful, and their labors have been blssed, in the conversion of many sinners. These brethren need our sympathies and prayers, and we should give liberally to their support. Others have been appointed. Brother Rohrer, who was sent to Japan last year, has not been heard from; we fear he has found a watery grave.—Brother Bowen, who was sent to Brazil, has returned, owing to bad health. Several are now waiting to go and preach to the heathen, who have been appointed, but the Board have not the means to send them.

Our Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, have discharged their duty as the servants of God.

The Domestic Mission Board, located at Marion, Ala., has done much for the salvation of men—its influence is felt far and near. The Missionaries sent and sustained by this Board have been successful in winning souls to Christ. To this Board is committed the interests of the Indians. There are one hundred and fifty Missionaries among them, and none have been more successful; churches have been built up, and their condition much benefitted. About one hundred of our Domestic Missionaries have been recalled for want of funds to sustain them; and we fear some of those among the Indians will share the same fate. How long shall this state of things continue?

Within the bounds of the Alabama Baptist Association we have four Missionaries—Brethren Caloway, Holmes, Bailey and Webb, and their labors have been greatly blessed during the last year. Four churches have been constituted by them. In view of these facts, ought we not to continue to pray and labor for the conversion of sinners? Let us as Christrians do our whole duty, and leave the result with our Heavenly Father. The great God has ever blessed the efforts of His people to save men, and will continue to do it. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. A. CREATH, *Chairman.*

Amendment. *Resolved*, That the funds sent up by the churches for Foreign Missions, not specially designated to any specific object, be applied to pay the outfit of Brother Rohrer, not exceeding one thousand dollars.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Documents report: That upon an examination of the various letters sent up by the churches, they find but little to report upon. The church at Elim applies for the re-appointment of Bro. J. S. Holmes to labor among the colored population at Old Elim, which we recommend to the attention of the Missionary Board.

We further state it, as an object of thankfulness, that four newly constituted churches have applied for admission into this body, at its present session—the effect, under God's blessing, of Missionary labor. Nearly all the letters sent up, speak of the condition of our country, and breathe the patriotic prayer and desire to God for the success of our arms, and our ultimate and final triumph as a people, to which we call the attention of this body. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

H. W. WATSON, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX D.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

The Committee on the state of Religion in the Churches present the following report, to-wit:

Shiloh—Nothing special; at peace.
Sister Springs—Revived; 17 baptized.
Bethany—Nothing special; some additions.
Centre Ridge—Revived; received by baptism, 18.
Benton—Small increase; Sabbath School.
Mount Gilead—Cold.
Ash Creek—Small increase; Bible Class and Sabbath School.
Hopewell—Nothing interesting.
Bethel—Prayer Meeting and Sabbath School.
Good Hope—No increase.
Unity—Nothing of interest.
Montgomery First Baptist—Peaceable; small decrease.
Elim—At peace; some additions.
Antioch—Considerably revived.
Ramah—Nothing cheering.
Pine Level—No revival.
Bethesda—Nothing special.

Midway—Decrease.
Greenville—Increase.
Sardis—Small increase.
Hickory Grove—Nothing special; at peace.
Damascus—Revived.
Salem—Nothing encouraging; at peace; small decrease.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. E. BELL, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Your Board respectfully report, That they appointed Elder T. M. Bailey immediately after the adjournment of your last session, for the Associational year, at a salary of $1,000. He has faithfully served your Association as Missionary and Colporteur. Bro. Bailey reports:

Sermons delivered,	134
Addresses	41
Visits to families,	592
404 volumes of books sold. Value,	$276
15 Bibles and Testaments donated. Value,	$5
Tracts and Pamphlets distributed; No. of pages,	12,000
Collected for Bibles and distributed to a Military Company,	$ 26
Collected in cash and pledges for Missions,	$242
Miles travelled in performance of duty	3010
Baptised during the year,	31
Received by letter and voucher,	29
Deacons ordained,	1
Church constituted, which numbers at this date 57 members, and has become self-sustaining,	1

Your Board also engaged the services of Elder Jno. J. Webb, at a salary of $50 per month. Bro. Webb entered his field of labor 23d of December, and closed his connection with the Board on the 31st July, in consequence of the want of money at their control to sustain him longer in the field. Bro. Webb reports:

Sermons delivered	119
Exhortations,	57
Families visited for religious instructions,	236
Baptized,	22
Received by letter,	9
Churches constituted,	2

Conducted prayer meetings,	29
Sold religious books, worth	$111,45
Donated Tracts and Books, worth	$ 15
Miles travelled in performance of duty	1925

We also appointed, at the request of Elim Church, Montgomery country, Elder J. S. Holmes, for one fourth of his time, at a salary of $150 to preach to the colored people at Old Elim; Elim Church proposing to pay him a similar amount towards that object.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION AND COLPORTERAGE.

The "Alabama Bible and Colporteur Society" having failed to appoint a Colporteur for your Association, the Bible funds in the hands of your Treasurer, were placed under the control of your Board, by resolution of last session; but the Board has not drawn any of the funds thus appropriated, for the reason they found the State Society indebted to you $204, which sum had been previously paid over to said Society.

In order to secure the debt, your Board have received in books from the State Society, the above amount. A part of the books have been sold, and the balance are subject to your order. For particulars we refer you to the Treasurer's report.

D. LEE, *President*,

APPENDIX F.

GENERAL CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Alabama Baptist Association, in session with Pine Level Church, Montgomery County, to her Sister Associations:

Dear Brethren:—We have received your messengers to this body, and thank God that we have been enabled to meet once more as members of the Church militant. It is our happiness to continue correspondence with you. The past has been a trying year to us; the "war" feeling having absorbed nearly all our energies, and yet God has blessed us with an increase of four newly constituted Churches, and the Missionary spirit still lives in our hearts, but our contributions are smaller than last year.

The names of our messengers to you appear in our Minutes. We have had a pleasant and harmonious session.—

Our next meeting will be held with the Church at Greenville, Butler County, on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1862, when and where we hope to meet with your messengers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

APPENDIX G.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION FUND.

Amount balance in hand from last year's account,	$ 75 11
" sent up by the churches this session	167 55
Total,	$242 66

COLORED MISSION FUND.

Amount balance in hand from last year's account	$177 00

STATE CONVENTION FUND.

Amount received for Foreign Missions,	$271 45
" " " Tracts, Bibles, Colporterage, for soldiers,	67 90
Amount received for Indian Missions	208 35
" " " Bro. Rohrer, Japan Mission'y,	335 20
" " " General Domestic Missions	26 00
	$908 90
Less by counterfeit bill,	10 00
Total,	$898 90

MINUTE FUND.

Amount received and paid to Clerk for Minutes,	$ 83 60

PLEDGES.

Last session for Indian Missionary, unredeemed,	$100 00
" " " Howard College, unredeemed,	100 00
To Bro. Bailey from Elim Church for Foreign Missions,	120 00
To Bro. Bailey from Antioch Church for Foreign Missions,	100 00

For building house of worship, 2d Baptist Church, Montgomery,	200 00
For Foreign Missions, (of which $6 00 have been paid to Bro. Creath,)	118 50
For Indian Missions, (of which $30 50 have been paid to Bro. Creath,)	80 50
Total,	$819 00

The two last payable when cotton is sold.

W. B. HARALSON, *Treasurer.*

RTLES OF ORDER FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At every annual meeting of this Association, immediately after the delegates' names are enrolled, tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices until new ones are chosen.

2. The Moderator shall take the Chair every day, at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

3. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Association.

4. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. Questions shall be distinctly put; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of a contrary opinion shall say no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide; those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially directed by the Association.

7. In all cases of election the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the body be equally divided;

in that event he shall give the casting vote. He may speak to any question, provided he call some other member to occupy the Chair while he is speaking.

8. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates; minute the proceedings of the body, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

9. The Treasurer shall receive, account for and pay out all monies belonging to this body, according to the instructions of the Association, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

DECORUM IN DEBATE.

10. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat, and shall respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities.

11. If any member in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may call him to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed in case any member object, without leave of the Association.

12 When two or more members happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the member who is first to speak.

13. No member shall speak more than once to the same question, without leave of the Association, unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending; in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

14. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Association, for special reason, excuse him.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Moderator, and read aloud before debated.

16. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Chair or any member desire it.

17. After a motion is stated by the Chair or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the

body, but may be withdrawn by leave of the Association, at any time before a decision or amendment.

18. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence, in the order in which they are arranged; and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

19. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, except the Association be engaged in voting.

20. A motion to lay on the table shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except a member be speaking, or the body engaged in voting.

21. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided whether on appeal, or otherwise, without debate.

22. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effects shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee, if any; upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

23. No motion, or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

24. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

25. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator, nor leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The President, Elder C. F. Sturgis being absent, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President C. H. Cleveland. Prayer by Elder F. Calloway. While a hymn was being sung the following persons were constituted annual members, by the payment of one dollar each:

Elder D. Lee, C. H. Cleveland, W. B. Haralson, W. W. Waller, Elder F. Calloway, J. P. Cross, Elder S. A. Creath, Moses McLemore, L. B. Tatum, H. W. Watson, H. W. Clark, Elder J. T. S. Parks, B. F. Smith, Elder T. S. Bailey, Thomas Barlow, T. F. Thomaston, Jno. A. Edwards and H. W. Caffey.

Same officers re-elected. The following was introduced:

Resolved, That the funds on hand belonging to the Bible Society, and all funds that may be on hand, be appropriated to the support of a Colporteur now among the Alabama troops in Virginia, and that the amount be paid over to the Colporterage Committee of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery. The following amendment was proposed:

That all funds now on hand, be equally divided, as far as practicable, among the Alabama volunteers, by investment in Bibles, Testaments, Religious books and Tracts. On motion, the resolution as amended was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was then read and received.

On motion, *Resolved*, To strike out the word "Association" in the Treasurer's report, and insert "Alabama Association, Bible and Colporterage Society."

On motion, the Treasurer's report was referred to the Auditing Committee of the Association.

On motion, the Bibles and books belonging to the Bible and Colporterage Society were placed in the hands of the Board of Missions of the Association, to be employed in Colporterage.

Resolved, That the President of the Society ask permission of the Association, that our proceedings be published in connection with their Minutes.

Treasurer's report announced as correct and adopted.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet with the Association at its next annual meeting.

C. H. CLEVELAND, *President*.

H. W. CAFFEY, *Clerk*.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Domestic Missions in hands of Ala. Baptist Association	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Tracts, Bibles, &c. for soldiers.	J. Q. F. Rohrer.	Gen. Domestic Missions.	Total.
Centre Ridge	$2 50	.....	62 00	28 00	7 50	.....	.....	100 00
Shiloh	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	.....	62 00
Providence	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	10 00
Sister Springs	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00	.....	21 00
Mt. Gilead	3 30	1 00	.....	10 00	50	20 00	.....	34 80
Bethel	2 50	.....	.....	4 35	.....	50 00	.....	56 85
Hopewell	4 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00
Good Hope	2 00	.....	15 50	11 75	...	.....	.....	29 25
Unity	3 00	.....	24 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 25
1st Baptist Ch, Montgm'ry	10 00	25 50	17 50	10 00	.....	134 00	.....	197 00
2d do do	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Elim	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Salem	1 50	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Ramah	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75
Antioch	2 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Midway	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Bethesda	3 00	11 05	.....	11 05	.....	.....	.....	25 10
Greenville	3 00	.....	16 50	1 50	22 00	.....	.....	43 00
Damascus	3 00	75 00	12 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 20
Hickory Grove	2 00	.....	23 50	16 50	3 00	.....	.....	45 00
Pine Level	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Ash Creek	3 00	15 00	80 00	86 00	22 90	.....	26 00	232 90
Benton	3 00	17 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Bethany	2 75	10 00	.....	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	27 75
Sardis	2 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 50
Ephesus	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Steep Creek	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Macedonia	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Mt. Lebanon, Montg'ry Co.	2 20	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	4 20
	78 50	167 55	271 45	189 15	67 90	291 00	26 00	1091 55

POSTSCRIPT.—Since adjournment of Association, the following amounts have been paid into the Treasury: Mt. Lebanon, Dallas Co.—Indian Missions, $10; Foreign Missions, $10; Minutes, $2 60. Town Creek Church—Bro. Rohrer, $25; Minutes, $2 50.

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Statistics of the Churches.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	DELEGATES.	MINISTERS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	Re'd by Vehr	Re'd by Let'r	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	White Mems	Black Mem's	Whole No.	Dis'd by Letr
FIRST DISTRICT.														
Shiloh	Selma	L. Stone, W. Johnson, C. H. Cleveland	David Peebles	W. C. Cleveland	28	..	1	1	2	..	27	334	361	1
Sister Springs	Benton	Jarret Carter, Jere Johnson, G. W. Young	A. Andrews.	Jere Johnson	17	..	1	..	..	1	42	60	102	...
Bethany	Benton	Eld. P. H. Lundy, Jno. R. Williams, H. W. Caffey	P. H. Lundy	H. P. Caffey	12	..	1	1	4	3	42	152	194	18
Centre Ridge	Carlowville, Dallas	D. R. Lide, S. W. Lide	D. M. Reeves	J. W. Dennis	18	..	2	..	1	1	73	191	264	...
SECOND DISTRICT.														
Benton	Benton	Jno. C. Hill, Jno. Gresham	David Lee	J. C. Hill	..	..	3	2	..	..	31	16	47	...
Mt. Gilead	Benton	W B Haralson, J. A. Edwards, Thos. Barlow	P. H. Lundy	J. A. Edwards	8	..	1	1	1	1	42	128	170	7
Ash Creek	Benton	Eld. C. F. Sturgis, H. Orum, D. Gordon, Sr.	C F. Sturgis	Alfred Edwards	7	..	2	..	..	1	48	100	148	...
Hopewell	Mt. Willing, Lowndes	Eld. D. Lee, J. G. Brown, J. T. Jones	David Lee	J. Robertson	12	..	3	1	..	..	147	69	216	6
Bethel	Ft. Deposit, Lowndes	S. Jordan, J. E. Kolb, J. Day, J. Phillips, Alternate	J. E Bell	R. M. Burt	2	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	86	8
Good Hope	Manningham, Butler.	John Peagler, A. Peagler	F. H. Moss	A. Peagler	..	..	..	1	..	1	30	8	38	...
THIRD DISTRICT.														
Unity	Prattville	L. B. Tatum, E. F. Smith, N. M. Morris	P. H. Lundy	B. F. Smith	1	..	1	1	..	..	70	56	126	1
1st Baptist, Montgm'y	Montgomery	Eld. B. Manly, Eld. A. Williams, W. W. Waller	B Manly, Sr.	Jno. E. Stratford	18	..	20	22	2	1	230	417	647	45
Elim	Montgomery	M. McLemore, B. F. Caffey, R. H. Molton	A. T. M. Handy	M. McLemore	31	3	18	4	11	1	....	141	549	17
Salem	Montgomery	Wm. Jones, G. W. Brassel, A. J. Brassel	J. S. Holmes	James Collin	..	.	2	..	..	..	14	39	53	5
Antioch	Mt. Meigs	W. B. Ray, R. S. Jones, J. H. Cogburn	H. E. Taliaferro	W. B. Ray	38	..	10	7	1	16	20	433	453	3
Ramah	Ramah, Montgomery	Eld. G. G. McLendon, A. Boyd, J. D. McLendon	G. G. McLendon	J. D. McLendon	2	1	4	..	..	1	50	6	56	1
Pine Level	Pine Level, "	Eld. Thos. J. Miles, S. Guice, H. W. Clark	J. A. Fonville	H. W. Clark	..	.	8	..	..	2	57	19	76	13
Bethesda	Sharpsville, "	Eld. J. S. Holmes, W. B. Myrick, E. S. Leonard	J. S. Holmes	J. D. Foster	2	..	1	..	..	1	49	28	77	...
Mt. Lebanon, Montg'y	Catoma, "	J. Jones, J. B. Cantey, J. C. Walter, M. Wilson, Alt	G. G. McLendon	J. H. Bradshaw	..	..	1	..	..	1	27	42	69	2
Midway	Pine Level, "	W. Parker, P. Stephens, W. J. Barnett	T. S. Miles	W. L. Crow	..	..	1	4	..	4	54	27	81	...
FOURTH DISTRICT														
Greenville	Greenville	Eld. J. E. Bell, J. G. Thames	J. E. Bell	J. G. Colvin	3	..	22	1	1	..	82	50	132	...
Sardis		P. H. Drake, J. Hickman, W. H. Stanley	J C. R. Lockhart	S. Hickman	2	..	3	2	..	..	47	1	48	...
Hickory Grove		Eld. J. A. Fonville J. P. Cross, J. M. Armstrong	J. A. Fonville	Asa Dean	..	..	2	..	..	..	45	10	55	4
Damascus		Eld J. J. Webb, J. L. Simpson, H. S. Staggers	M. Bishop	S. F. Andrews	11	1	15	3	..	6	190	21	214	16
NEW CHURCHES.														
2d Baptist, Montgm'y	Montgomery	H. W. Watson, A. Howard, T. F. Thomaston	F. Calloway	A. Howard	18	..	23	1	..	..	66	....	66	1
Macedonia	Kirkville, Butler Co.	W. B. Price, F. L. Ellis	J. J. Webb	L. G. Camp	2	..	2	..	..	..	....	....	20	...
Ephesus	Oaky Streak, "	E. Nix, J. G. Cook	J. J Webb	E. Florence	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	9	...
Steep Creek	Hayneville	G. W. McQueen, R. B. Dickerson, B. S. Meadows	T. M. Bailey	R. B. Dickerson	27	12	10	..	..	..	31	26	57	...
					259	17	160	54	24	42	1514	2236	4414	148